

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Agency is responsible for improving the mobility, safety, and sustainability of California's transportation system. The Agency includes the Department of Transportation, the California Transportation Commission, the High-Speed Rail Authority, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the California Highway Patrol, the Board of Pilot Commissioners, and the Office of Traffic Safety.

The May Revision includes total funding of \$15.6 billion (\$83 million General Fund and \$15.5 billion other funds) for all programs administered within the Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has almost 20,000 employees and a budget of \$11.1 billion. Caltrans designs and oversees the construction of state highways, operates and maintains the highway system, funds three intercity passenger rail routes, and provides funding for local transportation projects. The Department maintains 50,000 road and highway lane miles and nearly 13,000 state bridges, and inspects more than 400 public-use and special-use airports and heliports. The largest sources of funding for transportation projects are excise taxes paid on fuel consumption, federal funds also derived from fuel taxes, and weight fees on trucks.

Significant Adjustment:

- Capital Outlay Support Program—The Department traditionally updates the Capital Outlay Support program based on project allocations by the California Transportation Commission and adjusts support resources needed to proceed with those projects. The program provides the funding and resources necessary to plan, construct, and oversee state highway projects.
- The May Revision reflects a net reduction of \$21.8 million and 195 state positions for engineering, design, and construction oversight activities due to diminishing fund sources, such as Proposition 1B and the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- Contract resources are provided to advance 22 highway projects associated with the one-time funding available due to an early General Fund loan repayment of \$340 million proposed in the Governor’s Budget.